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A bill for an act

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relating to retirement; public employees police and fire retirement plan; providing

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duty disability benefits in certain cases.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. **PROVIDING DISABILITY BENEFITS IN CERTAIN CASES.**

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(a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 353.656, subdivision 1, paragraphs (b)

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and (c), or subdivision 5a, paragraph (b), an eligible person described in paragraph (b) is

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entitled to a duty disability benefit from the public employees police and fire retirement

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fund for the period of the eligible person's disability or 60 months, whichever is shorter.

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(b) An eligible person is a person who:

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(1) on the date that the person's application for disability benefits was approved by the

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Public Employees Retirement Association, had at least 20 years of service credit and was

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age 55 or older; and

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(2) between May 1, 2019, and January 15, 2020:

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(i) applied for a duty disability benefit from the public employees police and fire

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retirement plan; and

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(ii) received a letter from the association stating that the person's application for disability

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benefits has been approved.

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(c) The period of 60 months under paragraph (a) begins on the date that the duty disability

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benefit begins to accrue under Minnesota Statutes, section 356.656, subdivision 10. For any

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eligible person who received retirement annuity payments prior to the effective date, the

- 2.1 person's retirement annuity payments must be characterized as disability benefit payments.
- 2.2 The period of 60 months ends on the last day of the 60th month following the disability
- 2.3 benefit accrual date. Following the period of 60 months, the eligible person is entitled to a
- 2.4 retirement annuity under Minnesota Statutes, section 353.656, subdivision 5a, paragraphs
- 2.5 (c) and (e).
- 2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.